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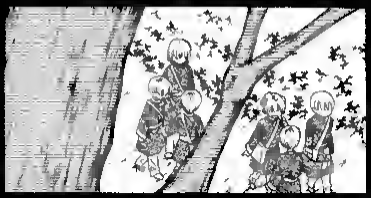
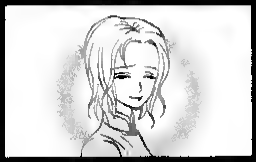


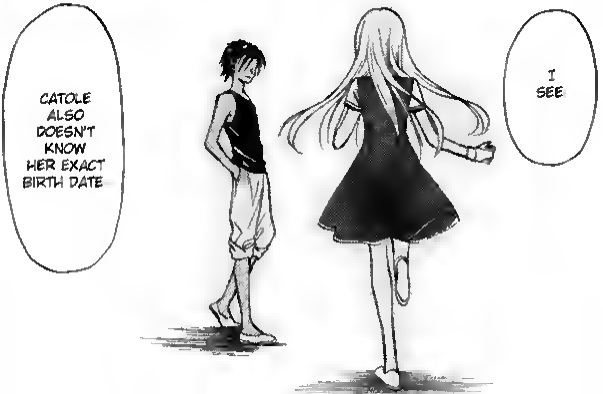


I've always left it deep inside me without touching the topic.

LET'S REST A BIT.
EHHHH!?
THE TIMING IS ALL OVER THE PLACE. ONE MORE TIME!!
UGH! THAT WON'T DO!
YOU HAVE TO LET YOUR BODY REMEMBER THE MOVES, ALRIGHT?
Massage
SHE'S ALREADY ON A DIFFERENT MENU PLAN
TE-QUILA
Got it?!
MIMOSA AND I WILL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE.
I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED BEING A PRO,
BUT I DON'T WANT TO TURN OUT LIKE HER.
YOU KNOW
If you're a profes-sional, be more disciplined!
Yeah
Let's just do this
HEY,
MIMOSA, YOU...
WHAT? UNLIKE THE REST OF YOU, I REQUIRE BEAUTY TIME
Laugh
I'M A PROFES-SIONAL. YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?

Stomp
Stomp
Stomp
WELL, WHATEVER THE CASE,
IT LOOKS LIKE EVERY-ONE IS FOLLOWING TEQUILA.
He's the Best!
HE'S LIKE A LEADER
HE'S BECOME TALLER AND MORE MATURE.
HE'LL BE 15 TOMORROW
HUH?
IS TOMORROW TEQUILA'S BIRTHDAY?
YEP. JULY 15TH!
THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T REMEMBER
STRICTLY SPEAKING, IT'S THE DAY WHEN HE WAS PICKED UP BY THE ARK FAMILY.
HE WAS STILL A SMALL CHILD, SO HE DOESN'T REMEMBER IT WELL.

WHAT'S WRONG, CATOLE?
Huh?
...
CATO-LE!
I WANT YOUR HELP WITH PRACTICE
CAN YOU COME OVER FOR A SECOND?
BY THE WAY, MINE IS NOVEMBER 27TH
AMA-RATTE'S JULY 7TH
MINE IS JANUARY 6TH
Mine already passed
Chapa n is December 16th
AH...
?
Tap
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, PETER
OH.
OKAY.


CATOLE ALSO DOESN'T KNOW HER EXACT BIRTH DATE
I SEE

Catole's family and her background will be revealed in the next volume.

A lot will happen to Tequila too, but it's still a little ways away.

In the next volume, I should be able to write about the character's profiles.

It's a bit of a hassle, but I'm looking forward to it too.

The truth is, I was supposed to take a break after finishing the first volume of Michiten.

Well, once I finish up volume four, I'll be able to take a break, though Hana to Yume may have something in store for me.

Now then, to be continued →

A lot has happened, but it all comes to an end the day after tomorrow.
One month has passed at the training camp
We will go back to the village where our family awaits.
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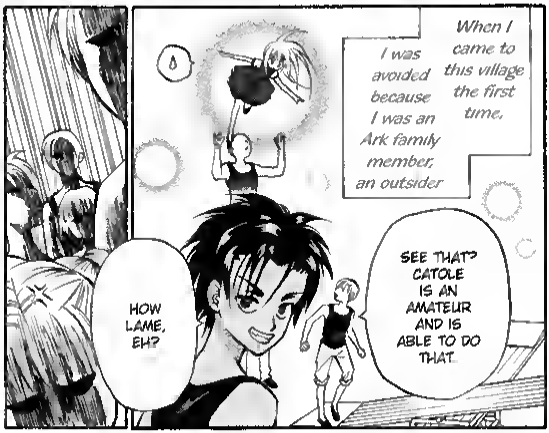
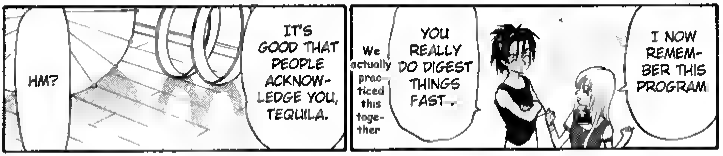

When I came to this village the first time,
I was avoided because I was an Ark family member, an outsider
SEE THAT? CATOLE IS AN AMATEUR AND IS ABLE TO DO THAT.
HOW LAME, EH?

I won't lose!!
But it looks like people have started to open their hearts.
SORRY TO USE YOU IN A WEIRD WAY.
NO, IT'S OKAY.
Probably...


HM?
IT'S GOOD THAT PEOPLE ACKNOWLEDGE YOU, TEQUILA.
We actually practiced this together
YOU REALLY DO DIGEST THINGS FAST.
I NOW REMEMBER THIS PROGRAM

Glance
Glance
HUH?
I DON'T KNOW. THERE'S ONLY SEVEN PEOPLE IN MY GROUP
THEY COULD BE HOLDING SECRET MEETINGS OR SNEAKING AROUND DOING SOMETHING
WE'VE BEEN BUSY DOING A LOT OF HARD TRAINING THE WHOLE TIME
THERE STILL COULD BE PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE US.

OKAY.
I'LL BE FINE
DON'T WORRY, OKAY?
Kuuk
DON'T WORRY DON'T WORRY
A ka ka
IT'S THE SAME AS USUAL
Every-one's attitude towards me
has started to loosen up.
Cotolel
Hey
Let s continue
Ah
Shark
Shark
It's the same with the Ark family members,
King and Peter.
As far as I see it though, I don't think Tequila is any different.
.....

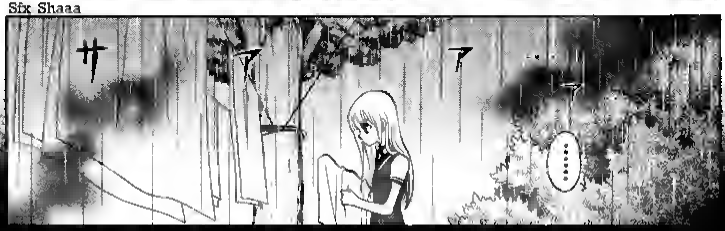
Sfx: Fully stocked
Do I just not see it?
THIS ROOM IS FULL OF BOOKS
YOU BORROWED THESE FROM THE LIBRARY, RIGHT?
THE BOOKS KEEP PILING UP EACH DAY
Yay
Get down
I'VE READ MOST OF THEM
EVERYTHING I WANTED TO KNOW IS IN DIFFERENT BOOKS, SO IT WAS TOUGH
BUT I'VE STARTED TO UNDERSTAND THIS BOOK
Read?!
This?!
PHANTOM BEASTS ALL VOLUMES
THE DIVINE BEAST THAT WAS CALLED OUT THE OTHER DAY WAS BASILISK.
IT'S POWER IS TO TURN EVERYTHING TO STONE.
HM HM

TN: North, West, South, East
北
西
南
東
THE FOUR GODS ARE BLUE DRAGON, WHITE TIGER, VERMILION BIRD, BLACK TORTOISE...
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE.
I have no idea what you're talking about.
What?
IT'S VIOLENT, BUT IS ONE OF THE GODS OF BLOCKING. IT'S ALSO A RELATIVE OF THE GOD OF STONE
THE GODS OF BLOCKING ARE PART OF THE GOD OF PROTECTION THEY KEEP EVIL AND IMPURITY OUT.
Ah
SINCE IT'S A REPRE-SENTATIVE OF THE GOD OF PROTECTION, IT BECOMES PART OF THE FOUR GODS OF THE NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, AND WEST
She could be the smartest person here...
YEP!
Gibberish
There s like 200 of them!
DID YOU MEMORIZE EVERYTHING THAT'S WRITTEN ABOUT THEM IN THIS BOOK?!
SO IN THE BOOK,
HALF ARE GOOD GODS AND HALF ARE BAD GODS
I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND THE FULL MEANING BEHIND IT THOUGH.
IN OTHER WORDS, GOOD GODS SAVE PEOPLE.
BAD GODS RULE PEOPLE
MOST LIKELY
THE BLOSSOM FAMILY IS PROBABLY AFTER THE LATTER.

WHY DID CATOLE
INHERIT THIS BOOK?
That means they were the origin of this book
THE ANCESTORS OF THE BLOSSOM FAMILY CREATED THIS BOOK
BUT IF YOU JUST WANT TO RULE, YOU WOULDN'T NEED GOOD GODS, RIGHT?
WHO KNOWS
BUT THEN...
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HAVING A HARD TIME. IT'S BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW WHY
GRIND
Kyu
THE RULES ARE MESSED UP
What the heck is going on?
MAYBE THERE ARE CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS.
But it is strange.
.....
Drip
Drip
Drip

"Why then?"
AH
HOLD ON.
DROP
IT STARTED RAINING BEFORE I GOT THEM ALL IN.
DROP
DROP

Six Shaaa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I still don't get what this all has to do with me.
Why, mother?
No matter how much we research
about the book or Kahlua,

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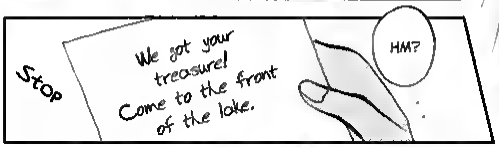
Hurry
OKAY. NOBODY'S AROUND.
Twitch
CATO-LE?!
……?
Thud
Thud

THE ROOM'S MESSY, BUT COME BY
I'LL GIVE YOU A TOWEL
AH.
I WAS A LITTLE LATE
TRYING TO GET ALL THE LAUNDRY IN
WHY ARE YOU SOAKING WET?
DID YOU BLANK OUT WHILE THINKING ABOUT SOME-THING?

HUH?
THIS ROOM IS...
Those people came out of it.
THIS IS A FOUR-PERSON ROOM
I STAY IN THE SAME ROOM WITH PEOPLE IN THE SAME PERFORMANCE.
Rustle Rustle



Sfx: Open

Sfx: Stomp Slam Rattle

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I'M GOING TO THE PLACE THEY TOLD ME TO GO TO!!
Could it be those people from earlier?
Dash Dash
AH.
WAIT, I'M COMING TOO.
Search the bushes in front of the main gate.
WHAT?!
TEQUILA, ANOTHER LETTER!
What the heck
is going on?!
Search inside the lantern.

Sfx Zaaaa
TE-QUI-LA!
DINNER TIME IS ALMOST OVER.
YOU NEED TO EAT SOME-THING...
NO, NOT YET!
DAMN IT. WHAT AN ELABORATE PRANK.
THEY DON'T THINK OF ME AS A TEAMMATE AT ALL.
THAT CAN'T BE...
HEY, ISN'T THAT YOUR ROOM?
HMM?
THAT WINDOW...
WHY IS THERE LIGHT COMING FROM THERE?
Chatter
Chatter
Chatter
.....
...

Sfx: Slam
WHO THE HELL YOU CALLING A SIMPLE MORON?!
He's just a simple moron!
Aha ha ha
Scared
Scared
.....
Kya!
IT'S FINE
HEY, SHOULDN'T WE HURRY IT UP?
I DON'T THINK HE'LL LAST MUCH LONGER
Talk
Talk
TEQUILA IS PROBABLY DESPERATELY LOOKING AROUND FOLLOWING THE ORDERS
He's that kind of guy
Sniff
IF HE CAME HERE, HE COULD HAVE IT RIGHT AWAY
MAKE THE LANTERN DARKER
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TEQUILA
...

Sfx Yell
HUAA
SEE? HE ALREADY GOT BACK!
THERE'S NOTHING WE COULD DO.
THIS WAS THE ONLY ROOM WE HAD PERMISSION TO DO THIS IN.
It can't be helped
HUH?
TSK
W-WHAT IS ALL THIS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? IT'S A PARTY
TOMOR-ROW'S YOUR BIRTHDAY, RIGHT?
WE WERE GOING TO BRING YOU HERE ONCE THE DAY CHANGED..
Smile
IS THAT WHY YOU WERE ALL SNEAKING BEHIND MY BACK?
BIRTH-DAY..
.....!

Sfx Yay
わあい
CONGRATU-LATIONS. YOU'RE 15, TEQUILA!
Bah! Screw it! Let's Get this Party started!!
It was all for this?
HEY!!
Sfx Stomp Slam
Ooh
Wow
LOOK, THE TEACHERS GOT A CAKE FOR YOU!!
どたどた
GIVE ME BACK WHAT YOU TOOK!!
HERE, CATOLE. SIT, SIT
Yay
MINE'S OVER TOO, IN APRIL
Yay
MINE IS IN OCTO-BER!
HOW LUCKY TO HAVE YOUR BIRTH-DAY DURING TRAINING CAMP.
MINE'S IN MARCH
Aha ha ha
Mine's in August So close.
LI-LIM.

CATO-LE?
HUH?
WHY ARE YOU DOZING OFF?
WE'RE ASKING ABOUT YOUR BIRTHDAY.
WHEN IS YOURS?
AH...
MINE IS...

Congratulatory words on a special day
CATOLEP
Throb
Everyone should have one.
Throb
Throb

"You don't have to know anything."

Drop
CATOLE ?!
HEY.
WHAT'S WRONG ?!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
Talk
"Why ...?"

WHY DO YOU
NOT KNOW WHEN YOUR BIRTHDAY IS?
WHEN WERE YOU TAKEN IN BY THE ARK FAMILY?
Flicker
HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN, CATOLE?
WHAT HAPPENED ?
.....
Clinch
WELL, I GUESS 11 YEARS FROM TODAY.
AMARATTE'S MOM TOOK ME IN.
...
ME?
I HAD NO MEMORY OF MY PAST OR MY PARENTS
BUT WHEN SHE TOOK ME IN,
ON THE WAY BACK FROM A PERFOR-MANCE,
SHE TOOK ME IN, ALL WORN OUT AND SUCH.
AMA-RATTE'S MOM?
YEP
SHE WAS A PROFES-SIONAL PER-FORMER

THAT'S WHY THE DAY I WAS TAKEN IN IS MY BIRTHDAY.
.....
I DON'T KNOW WHEN MY BIRTHDAY IS
YET, IT'S STRANGE.
I REMEMBER MY PARENTS.
I'M THE OPPOSITE.
I WAS WITH THEM THE WHOLE TIME.
HMM

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But one day, I secretly watched
I WASN'T TOLD ABOUT IT
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW
the kids going and coming back to school every day on the bridge in the forest.
SUCH A DAY EXISTED.

Father, mother,
What is a "birthday?"
Will I know if I go to school?
While I was hiding and listening,
I realized that my lifestyle was a special case.
"Because it's dangerous outside."
Why?
Father,
why can't I leave the forest?
"Because you don't have to go."
Mother,
My parents became stiff.
why can't I go to school?

I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE MY PARENTS WITH A TROUBLED FACE,
SO EVENTUALLY I DIDN'T ASK ABOUT IT ANYMORE.
.....
I REALLY DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT MYSELF...
Aha...
I'M SORRY TO SAY SUCH THINGS
YOU HAVE A BIRTH-DAY...
I WISH I HAD ONE...
.....

RAISE YOUR HEAD, CATOLE
...
CATO-LE
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE, I'LL GIVE YOU ONE
DECEMBER 24TH
THAT'S THE DAY YOU WERE TAKEN IN
MY BIRTH-DAY IS NOTHING CERTAIN EITHER,
BUT
WHEN I WAS TAKEN IN BY THE ARK FAMILY, I WAS REBORN AGAIN
YOU'VE BEEN OUT OF THAT FOREST FOR A LONG TIME NOW.
YOU'RE NOT LIVING THE DREAM OF A SCHOOL LIFESTYLE, RIGHT?

JUST TAKE THAT MOMENT
AND THINK OF IT AS BEING REBORN AGAIN.
JUST PUT YOUR FEET ON THE GROUND.
IF YOU DON'T KNOW THINGS, YOU CAN START FINDING OUT NOW.
DON'T BE WASHED AWAY BY THE THINGS AROUND YOU.

YES
RIGHT?
BUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS FROM HERE ON OUT
AND I KNOW YOU'RE CURIOUS ABOUT YOUR PAST,
WE HAVE TO LIVE IN THE MOMENT
YOU'RE RIGHT.
Even so.
There's probably a lot more.
Something I need to know about.
I am curious about something.
But...

No matter what happens from here on out.

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